

WOMEN IN BLACKFACE MAKE A HIT; MINSTREL SHOW IS A BIG SUCCESS

Eastern Star Members Put on a Performance That is Pleasing to Large Crowd; if Any Fault Was Found, it Was With the Length of the Performance, Not With the Lack of Entertainment Offered.

PLENTY of pep and snap with jokes and songs and a liberal display of ankles marked the first performance of the women's minstrel show, given by harmony chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Friday night at the El Paso theater. The chief fault of the performance was that there was too much of it, a common mistake with amateur productions. Besides this, the audience demanded so many encores that the play was not over until after 11:30.

Speaking about ankles, Miss Vera Driskell had every man in the audience fascinated with the nifty ankle watch she wore. She did very cleverly with the song, "Paradise Bay," in the first act and in the final sketch, a burlesque on a justice of the peace court, as Jack Johnson, the "fox-trotting coon," she made the trimmest, neatest young man imaginable, and her dance with Miss Vera Werle, who was Melissa Jenkins, was one of the big hits of the scene.

Miss Winnie Schu was a big hit in the first scene in her song, "Dancing the Blues Away," in which she was encircled repeatedly until she had to ask the audience to excuse her, as she had to work again tonight.

Miss Virginia Burk displayed an exceptionally good voice in her song "Mandy and I."

Miss S. A. Tulloch scored in her song, "Hallelujah," which she sang with the play on the first syllable as

though it represented the infernal regions.

The ensemble of the opening scene was good, with the minstrel chorus in their black skirts and yellow coats massed in the center, with the other members of the chorus wearing the Shriners' patrol costumes. Mrs. E. W. Dennis as the interlocutor filled her part in a capable manner. The "end men" in the minstrel show were Dr. Mattie L. Hill, Mrs. W. H. Forbes, Jr., Mrs. S. A. Tulloch, Mrs. Eva Voorhees, Mrs. J. E. Walker, Miss Winnie Schu, Mrs. C. H. Holloway and Miss Florence Klein.

The chorus was composed of Mrs. H. S. Burwell, Mrs. M. Burroughs, Mrs. J. E. Monroe, Mrs. W. H. Forbes, Jr., Mrs. J. G. Miller, Mrs. Lucella Farwell, Mrs. L. M. Williams, Mrs. Alma Sanchez, Miss Estelle Colford, Miss Ruth Haupt, Miss Jewell Templeton, Miss Lillian Booth, Miss Fannie Blakesley, Miss Clara Snell, Miss Edith Ford, Miss Edna Scott, Miss Mae Morris, Miss Jewell Deer, Miss Mary Nafe.

Among the other singers of special ballads and coon songs were Mrs. Eva Voorhees, singing "My Old Kentucky Home Jubilee," Mrs. Olive Cooke, singing "While the River of Love Flow On," Miss Florence Klein, "Colored Locomotive," Miss Marketta Pratt, "In the Hills of Old Kentucky," and Miss Amy Hitchens, "Chinatown."

The chorus opened the scene singing

EL PASO CONGRESS MAY STAY HERE

Governors to Decide on Permanent Meeting Place; Denver is After It.

After the close of the 11th International Farm Congress and Soil Products exposition, which will be held at El Paso next October, this big event will probably cease its annual roving and settle down in a permanent location at some central point. The board of governors, to whom this authority has been delegated by the congress, will likely determine upon a permanent location during the year.

Among the locations being considered for a permanent home are Kansas City, Denver, St. Joseph, El Paso and Salt Lake. An editorial from the Rocky Mountain News of Denver, published since the close of the 11th congress and exposition in that city, reads: "It is not too early for Denver to begin a campaign to have established here the permanent home of the International Farm Congress and Soil Products exposition. There will be plenty of cities in the west, including El Paso, where the next congress will be held. The institution is an important one and it would be a credit, as well as a material benefit, for any city to have it as a permanent guest."

The "Alabama Jubilee" and the final number was "Dixie-Landee Doodle." The dance to the first act, "Little Miss Ethel Atkinson and James Walter Atkinson," the little mascot, was cleverly done.

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